

DUBLIN/DARLINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2011

Conowingo Visitor Center

Members Present: Rich Norling, Chair
Jane Howe, Secretary
Lilma Huntley
Russell Kovach
Joni Nugent
Shirley Thompson

Guests: Billy Boniface
Deputy G. O. Martinez
DFC Ron Randow
Captain Keith Warner

Rich Norling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed Lilma Huntley as the newest member of the Council.

Review of Minutes: Shirley Thompson made a motion to approve the September 21, 2011 minutes with corrections. Joni Nugent seconded. Passed. Russell Kovach made a motion to approve the October 19, 2011 Town Meeting minutes; seconded by Shirley Thompson. Passed.

Sheriff's Representative: Capt. Keith Warner introduced Deputies Randow and Martinez. He said there is a spike in shed burglaries and added that people are not securing them. If pawned on eBay, sometimes items can be recovered. He urged people to record the serial numbers of all purchased items. There is a good working relation with online sellers. The individual seller can be identified. Copper theft is still ongoing. Gold/silver jewelry from homes is a crime of opportunity. **LOCK YOUR DOORS!** Extra patrols will be dispatched over the holiday season. This is the time for seasonal shoplifting. Please remember to **LOCK YOUR CARS!**

Regarding the NBRS bank robbery – it may be a commercial ring working multiple counties. Cameras and lighting at the Darlington location are scheduled for upgrade.

Ramblewood Zombie Run – multiple problems have been identified regarding planning and permits for this event. At least one fine has been levied. Another location has been identified for future events. Luckily, there were no serious injuries or accidents.

County Council President, Billy Boniface: Billy reported that the Redistricting Plan passed at the previous night's County Council meeting. The Council also considered the Building Code with attention to sprinklers in residential buildings, along with discrepancies in housing costs inside and outside the development envelope. Rate structures will need a change. Earlier in the day, he gave a presentation to the Harford Delegation which addressed Plan Maryland issues. The Board of Public Works awarded \$800,000 to Harford County Schools today. In answer to a question about the need for more Community Councils, it was suggested that Churchville/Creswell and Spenceola/Forest Lakes could benefit.

Old Business: Future Guests will include a speaker from Storm Water Management at the January meeting. Rich Norling will contact Jane Walker to set this up. A suggestion was made to invite the Deer Creek Watershed Association to send a representative for a presentation at a future date. Based on the success of the October Town Meeting, the next Town Meeting was suggested for April or May.

Shirley Thompson made a motion to cancel the December meeting; seconded by Joni Nugent. Passed.

New Business: The DDCC discussed the draft Harford County Master Plan and the Dublin-Darlington input to the Land Use Element Plan. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and water protection are high on the priority list. No new Rural Residential zoning codes were included. TDR needs a new formula for sending and receiving areas. Commercial and "tight" zoning pays for itself, but the question is how to pay for TDRs. The Master Plan shows a commitment to conserve viable farmland and to protect farmland that is already in protection. For the Dublin-Darlington part, there was discussion about what was included in the boundaries and some of the language: Level VFC, Darlington Gateway Park (who named it?), Darlington Dublin Ag Resource Center, feasibility study for new library (put language in about future joint use building), naming of new streets after historic places.

Good of the Council:

- ~ Lilma Huntley asked about the mirror at the end of the Leonard driveway and the culvert on Poole Road below the Archer's driveway. Billy will check into both items.
- ~ Keith Warner reported that "Occupy" marchers will be crossing from NYC to DC on Friday morning on Route One.
- ~ Darlington Lions will hold a Tree Lighting at the Pharmacy on Main Street on Sunday, November 27 at 5PM.
- ~ The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. James UAME Church on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30PM.
- ~ Edna Reeves was selected as Harford's Most Beautiful Person for 2011!!!
- ~ Jane Howe reminded everyone to send information to the 21034 Community E-News.
- ~ Shirley Thompson asked if the Community Councils could be institutionalized. Billy Boniface will look into it.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Next Meeting: January 18, 2012, 7PM at the Conowingo Visitor Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Howe